

Ohio Retirement Systems

Ohio-Qualified Manager Certification

General Information

Under Ohio law, R. C. 145.116, 742.116, 3307.154, 3309.159, and 5505.0610, each Ohio retirement system is required to:

1. Establish a policy with the goal to increase the use of Ohio-qualified investment managers when an Ohio-qualified investment manager offers quality, services, and safety comparable to other investment managers otherwise available to the systems and meets certain criteria;
2. Designate an investment manager as an Ohio-qualified investment manager if the investment manager meets certain criteria;
3. Develop a list of Ohio-qualified investment managers and their investment products;
4. Make certain reports to the Ohio Retirement Study Council concerning Ohio-qualified investment managers; and,
5. Give public notice to Ohio-qualified investment managers of a search for a system investment manager.

Each retirement system's policy may be viewed on its web site.

The legal criteria for an Ohio-qualified manager are that the manager, and/or a parent, affiliate or subsidiary:

1. Is subject to taxation under R.C. Chapter 5725 (financial institutions; dealers in intangibles; insurance companies), 5726 (financial institutions tax), 5733 (corporation franchise tax), 5747 (income tax), or 5751 (commercial activity tax) **[REQUIRED]**, and
2. Meets one of the following:
 - a. maintains its corporate headquarters or principal place of business in Ohio, or
 - b. employs at least 500 individuals in Ohio, or
 - c. maintains a principal place of business in Ohio and employs at least 20 Ohio residents.

"Principal place of business in the State of Ohio" means an office in Ohio in which the investment manager regularly provides securities or investment advisory services and solicits, meets with, or otherwise communicates with clients.

A minority business enterprise is defined under Ohio law as an individual who:

1. Is a United States citizen
2. Owns and controls a business, a partnership, corporation, or joint venture of any kind that is owned and controlled by United States citizens, who:
 - a. Are residents of Ohio, and
 - b. Are members of one of the following economically disadvantaged groups:
Blacks or African Americans, American Indians, Hispanics or Latinos, and Asians.

"Owned and controlled" means that at least fifty-one per cent of the business, including corporate stock if a corporation, is owned by persons who belong to one or more of the groups listed above. These owners must have control over the management and day-to-day operations of the business and an interest in the capital, assets, and profits and losses of the business proportionate to their percentage of ownership. In addition, the business must have been owned and controlled by those persons at least one year prior to being awarded a contract.

You may obtain additional and/or current copies of this form, lists of Ohio-qualified managers, and information on any investment manager searches by contacting each system or viewing its web site.

In order to comply with Ohio law, the retirement system requests that your firm submit this certification.

Instructions (This form may be duplicated.)

1. **Complete, sign and return this form to:**

Invest_ops@ohsers.org

Returning this form to SERS will serve as filing for all five state retirement systems. The other retirement systems are:

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System, www.opers.org

State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio, www.strsoh.org

Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund, www.op-f.org

Ohio State Highway Patrol Retirement System, www.ohprs.org

2. If additional pages are needed to complete the information, each page must be attached and numbered.
3. A new completed form must be submitted by June 30th each year, or when information on a previously filed form changes.

Certification

I. Firm Information

Firm name: _____

Street address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Contact person's name: _____

Telephone number: _____

Fax number: _____

E-mail address: _____

II. Manager Information

I certify that the firm is an Ohio-Qualified Investment Manager because the following conditions are met (mark each that applies):

- Subject to taxation under R.C. Chapter 5725 (financial institutions; dealers in intangibles; insurance companies), 5726 (financial institutions tax), 5733 (corporation franchise tax), 5747 (income tax), or 5751 (commercial activity tax) **[REQUIRED]**, and,

Meets one of the following (mark each that applies):

- Maintains its corporate headquarters or principal place of business in Ohio.
 Employs at least 500 individuals in Ohio.
 Maintains a principal place of business in Ohio and employs at least 20 Ohio residents.

For informational purposes (mark if applies):

- A minority business enterprise as defined by Ohio law and described on page 1.

III. Product Information

Firm Products	Years of Track Record	Assets under Management
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

IV. Signature

I, the undersigned, state that:

1. I have read and completed the above Certification;
2. I am authorized to execute this Certification on behalf of the firm;
3. I certify that the information provided in this Certification is complete and true to the best of my knowledge and belief;
4. I certify that if any information in this Certification changes, the firm will submit a new Certification;
5. I understand that completion and submission of this Certification does not obligate any Ohio retirement system to enter into any contract with the firm; and,
6. I understand that if any information provided on this form is false any offer of a contract may be withdrawn, or any contract entered into may be terminated without any penalty to the retirement system.

By: Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Title _____